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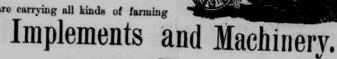
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speck of red at his buttonhole. In a box, immediately opposite that cccupied by their Imperial Majesties, was a young and exceedingly handsome Russian lady, Countess Ivanoff, concerning whose manifold fascinations the great world of Paris elected

The beauty and wit of this fair northern enchantress were the theme of every masculine tongue, and her magnificent diamonds the envy of all feminine beholders. The countess was accompanied by her husband, a man of distinguished appearance.

The Emperor and - Empress withdrew during the intermission. Many humbler mortals followed their example among them Count Ivanoff, apparently in nowise disturbed by the fact that the "gilded youth" in the stalls were bringing a small battery of opera-glasses to bear upon the dazzling charms of his beautiful wife. The Countess leaned back in her luxurious chair, fanning herself, serenely indifferent to the interest she was exciting. In the dim light of her curtain-shaded box, the glitter of her splendid diamonds seemed to form a sort of luminous halo round her graceful head; a myriad of starry brilliants gleamed among the masses of her gold-brown hair, and two priceless stones flashed and twinkled n her little shell-tinted ears.

The count had been gone but a few minutes when there was a gentle knock at the door and in answer to the Countess' "Enter," the usher appeared, and said, deferentially:

tleman charged with a message from Her Majesty the Empress waits in the corridor, and desires to know if madame will have the goodness to receive

"Certainly. Enter, I beg of you, monsieur." replied the Counters, as she recognized the distinguished-looking civilian she had already notiteed n close proximity to the Emperor in the Imperial box.

The visitor advanced a few steps, and, standing in deep shadow, said with grave dignity:

doned. I am desired by her Majesty to sak a favor of Mme, la Comtess, and, at the same time, to beg that she will have the goodnes to excure a somewhat unusual request."

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o interest itself considerably

The curtain fell after the first act.

"Pardon, Mme, la Comtesse; a gen-

"I trust my intrusion may be par

wishes," replied the Countese.

"The case is this," explained the gentlemen. "An argument has ari en concerning the size of the diamonds in your earrings and those of the Countess Woronzoff. The Empress begs that you will entrust one of your pendants to her care for a few moment. as the only satisfactory method of disposing of the vexed question. I will myself return it the instant Her Majesty gives it back into my keeping."

"With the greatest plessure," a reed the Countess, detaching the precious jewel forthw.th, and depositing it without misgiving, in the outstretched palm of the Imperial messenger. The Conntess bestowed a smile and gricious bow of dismissal upon Her Majesty's distinguished ambaseador. Shortly afterward Count Ivanoff re-

turned, "I have been talking to Dumont," he remarked, as he seated himself. "Clever follow, Dumont. I am not surprised at the Emperor's partiality for him; he must find him useful when he is in want of an idea."

"Who is Dumont?" inquired the Countess, with languid interest.

"That is rather a difficult question, replied the Count, smiling; "there are several editions of his biography-all peror's box—the man in the black coat."

"Is that M. Dument?" exclaimed the Countess, "if so, he has been here while you were away. He came on the part the other!" cried Count Ivanoff, incredof the Empress, and carried off one of ulously. my earrings which Her Majesty wished to compare with one of the Countess

"Dumont! Impossible! I was talking to him the whole time I was absent."

"Nevertheless, dear, he has been it is gone."

taken it. It is to the last degree unlikely that the Empress would make directed, to the Bureau of Police, at such a request. Depend upon it, you which the Count had lodged his comhave been the victim of a thief made plaint the night before. After a someap as Dumont."

"Impossible!" cried the Countess in

I tell you. It was the veritable M. Duand he will bring it back intact." "To wait a little is to lessen the inquire of Dumont, if I can get at him, whether he has been seized with a sud-

den attack of kleptomania; because the

idea of the Empress having sent him

coaming about the theater borrowing ous. Ab, these Parisian thieves!" With this the Count departed, and The Argonaut. the second act was nearly at an end before he returned. In the meantime the Countess perceived that she was an object of interest to the occupants

of the Imperial box. "I was right," whispered the Count, re-entering and bending over his wife's chair, "Dumont knows nothing of your carring, and, needless to say, the Empress never sent him upon such an errrad. I have put the matter into the hands of the police, and they will

do ell that is possible to recover it." The Countess was duly commiserated by sympathizing friends, but nothing more was heard of the jewel until the

following day. Early in the afternoon the Countess was about to start for ther daily drive in the Bois. The frozen snow lay deep upon the ground, and her sleigh, with its two jet-black Russian horses jingling their bells merrily in the frosty air, stood waiting in the courtyard while the Countess donned her furs.

As rvant entering announced that in officer of the police in plain clothes asked permission to speak with Mme. a Comtesse concerning the lost dis-

"Certainly," said madame, graciously; "let the officer be shown into the

Into the boudoir presently came the Countess, stately, beautiful, fur-clad, buttoning her little gloves. Near the door stood a short, wiry-looking man, with keen, black eyes, closely cropped hair, and compact, erect, military figure. The small man bowed profoundly while he said, with the utmost respect, at the same time laying a letter upon the table:

"I am sent by order of the chief of pelice to inform Mme. la Comtesse that the stolen diamond has been satisfactorily traced, but there is, unfortunately, some little difficulty connected with its identification. I am charged, therefore, to beg that Mme. la Comtesse will have the goodness to intrust the fellow-carring to the police, for a short



period, in order that it may be com pared with the one found in the possession of the suspected thief. Madame will find that the letter 1 bring corroborates my statement."

The Countess glanced hastily through the letter, and, ringing the bell desired that her maid might be told to bring the remaining earring immediately; this was done, and the dapper little man, bowing deferentially, departed with the precious duplicate.

The Countess descended to her different, probably none of them true, sleigh and drove to the club to call Look, he has just entered the Em- for her husband. Crossing the Place de la Concorde, she related to him the latest incident. "You never were induced to give up

> "But I tell you, dear, an officer of the police came himself to fetch it, bringing a letter from his superiors vouching for the truth of his state-

ment."

"If the prefect himself had come, I don't think I should have been cajoled here, and has taken my earring. See! into letting him have it after last night's experience," laughed her hus-"Effectively," agreed the Count; with band. "However, for the second time, grim smile; "but Dumont has not we will inquire." The coachman turned and drove, as

what protracted delay, the Count rejoined his wife with a semi-grim look her turn. "The affair is absolutely as of amusement on his handsome face. "The police know nothing of your mont who came into this box and took detective or his epistolary efforts." he away my diamond. Only wait a little, said, drawing the fur rug up to his chin as the impatient horses sped away over the frozen snow; "your second chance of its recovery. I will go and earring has been netted by another member of the light-fingered frater-

was the more accomplished artist of the two!" And from that unlucky day to this a lady's jewels I regard as preposter- the Countess Ivanoff's diamond earrings knew her pretty ears no more .--

nity, and, upon my honor, I think he

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